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INVESTMENT BY MULTINATIONAL PHARMA COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is emerging as an attractive market for Multinational Drug Companies to invest in Pharma manufacturing and marketing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(a) whether the Government has prepared any guidelines to ensure maximum employment of our manpower in these Multinational Companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made to produce high calibre Pharmaceutical experts for Pharma Companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) and (b) Due to very high number of patients, India is fast emerging as a very attractive market for Multinational Drugs Companies (MNCs) to invest in Pharma manufacturing and marketing. Further, due to improved Intellectual Property Rights Regime there is a renewed interest of MNCs to invest in India. Most of the reputed Multinational companies are selling their products in the Indian Pharmaceutical market.

(c) to (e): MNCs based in India largely depend on the local manpower, particularly at the production level. To fulfill the requirement of trained and qualified man power for pharma companies as well as to ensure better employment for Indian youth, Government has decided to set up National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) at six locations, i.e. Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Hazipur (Bihar), Kolkata (West Bengal), Gawahati (Assam) and Rae Bareli (U.P.). Prior to this, NIPER was operational only at Mohali (Punab). These Institutes would provide high calibre pharmaceutical experts to suit the need of pharma industry in the present global scenario.